Medical School

By Beverly Howard

Dr. Louis A. Brunsting, of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, gave the sixth annual lecture sponsored by the Alpha Lambda chapter of Phi Beta Pi in memory of the late Dr. LeRoy Long April 13 in the auditorium of the Medical School. Dr. Long, pioneer physician and surgeon, was dean of the School of Medicine from 1914 to 1931.

Dr. Brunsting addressed an audience of medical students and Oklahoma physicians following a reception dinner held at the Skirvin Hotel. He was welcomed by Dr. Everett S. Lain, Oklahoma City physician, and introduced by Dr. Tom Lowrey, dean of the School of Medicine.

► Dr. Donald B. McMullen, associate professor of preventive medicine and public health, has been granted a temporary leave of absence from the faculty to become a consultant to the Secretary of War under the supervision of the Surgeon General’s Office. Dr. McMullen’s absence in parasitology will be taught by Dr. T. T. Self of the zoology faculty at Norman.

► At the Army’s Current Affairs Forum discussion meeting on March 29, Lt. Col. Ralph W. Hubbard, ’32med, told of his experiences as a Japanese prisoner of war.

► Maj. William K. Ishmael, ’35med, head of the medical service at Mauser Field, Texas, recently was on a special tour of duty to present a series of lectures on arthritis to students in the School of Medicine. He also conducted the clinical pathological conference on April 7.

► Dr. H. A. Shoemaker, assistant dean, attended the Conference on Problems of the Premedical College in Fitting the Physician for His Place in Modern Society held at Union College, Schenectady, New York, on April 20 and 21.

► At the April meeting of the University Board of Regents, leaves of absence were granted to Dr. Donald B. McMullen, associate professor of preventive medicine and public health; Dr. O. Alton Watson, lecturer in oto-rhino-laryngology, and Dr. Bertha M. Levy, instructor in pediatrics.

Promotions were listed for Dr. William L. Lindstrom, from lecturer to associate in obstetrics; Dr. Richard C. Mills, from lecturer to associate in obstetrics; Dr. Delbert O. Smith, from lecturer to associate in obstetrics; Dr. Floyd Gray, from assistant professor to associate professor of obstetrics; Dr. John M. Parrish, from associate in obstetrics to assistant professor; Dr. Harry L. Dupree, from assistant to instructor in obstetrics.

Dr. Edward F. Allen was appointed professor of clinical obstetrics and Dr. Albert D. Foster, Jr., was appointed anesthetist at the University Hospital.

► Paul H. Fesler, secretary of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, was appointed administrator of hospitals for the University School of Medicine by the O.U. Board of Regents at the May meeting. The first superintendent of the University Hospital, coming to Oklahoma City in 1918, has had 25 years of experience in this field and is credited with being largely responsible for the University hospital buildings in Oklahoma City. He is a charter fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators and is past president of the American Hospital Association.

Appointments approved by the regents in May include Dr. V. F. Dougherty, on half-time basis as an assistant in the medical outpatient clinics, and Dr. J. Teague Self, University zoology professor in Norman who will teach the course in parasitology in the Medical School formerly taught by Dr. Donald McMullen.

The resignation of Dr. George N. Barry, medical director of the University Hospital since 1941, was accepted. A leave of absence for service with the Navy was granted to Dr. Norclette Price Eley, assistant professor of medicine.

Dr. Leslie M. Westfall, professor of ophthalmology and chairman of the department of ophthalmology who has been on the staff of the Medical School since 1917, has been retired from active service and appointed professor emeritus of ophthalmology. Dr. James Patton McGee, professor of clinical ophthalmology, succeeded him May 1 as chairman of the department.

Promotions were announced for the following faculty members in oto-rhino-laryngology: Dr. Joseph C. Macdonald, associate professor to professor; Dr. Lawrence Chester McHenry, assistant professor to associate professor; Dr. William Lawrence Bonham, assistant professor to associate professor; Dr. Lee Kenneth Emenhiser, associate to assistant professor; Dr. Marcus Mussil, lecturer to associate, and Dr. Harry Cummins Ford, instructor to associate.

► The Medical School will return to prewar entrance requirements beginning with the class entering in August, 1945. The class which enters in July will be expected to enter with only 60 semester hours credit. All following classes will be required to have 90 semester hours of preclinical work.

Alumni

Dr. R. Delbert Watson, ’29med, Blair, assistant in surgery on the School of Medicine faculty, died recently after a short illness. He had been practicing in Britton, Oklahoma.

► Mabel Slenger, ’24, school nurse of the city schools in Pomona, California, since 1937, died March 16 in Pomona. She was 46 years old. Formerly of Okeene, Miss Slenger went to California in 1927 when she was employed by the Children’s Hospital in Hollywood. In January of 1928 she joined the staff of the Los Angeles County Health Department and was associated with that organization until 1937 when she became school nurse in Pomona. She was a member of the California State Nurses Organization, the American Red Cross and the National Public Health Organization.

► Miss Betty Ann Bowden and Capt. Fowler B. Poling, ’40med, Hollis, were married February 13 in Douglas, Arizona. Captain Poling took his internship at the University of Iowa Hospital, Iowa City, and the Hertzler Clinic, Halstead, Kansas, before entering the armed services in 1942. He was assigned to Orlando, Florida, for a special course in plastic surgery.

► Capt. John F. Miller, ’39med, and Mrs. Miller, Gulfport, Mississippi, are the parents of a baby daughter, Marilyn Anne, born March 26. Captain Miller is a flight surgeon at the Army Air Forces Regional Station Hospital at the Gulfport Air Force Base in Mississippi.

► Miss Maxine Reiff, ’41med, Oklahoma City, has joined the staff of the Kay County Health Unit as assistant, Dr. Paul T. Powell, ’41med, director of the unit, has announced. Dr. Reiff will have headquarters at Blackwell. Her husband, also a physician, was last reported with the armed forces in France. The couple have a son, 2.

► Dr. Larry Southworth, ’38med, and Mrs. Southworth, formerly of New York City, have moved to Savannah, Georgia.

► Miss Betty Jean Fields and Dr. Robert Shuttlee, ’44med, El Reno, were married March 10 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Shuttlee, who has been taking his internship at the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, has been appointed resident doctor in the pediatrics ward there, effective July 1.

► Miss Bertia Alicia Arecho, ’43-‘45, and Dr. Ben Allen Rutledge, ’44med, were married February 18, Mrs. Rutledge formerly attended the Oklahoma College for Women at Chickasha. She is employed at the U.S. Army Air Base, Panama Canal Zone. Dr. Rutledge is serving his internship at the Gorgas Hospital, Ancon, Panama Canal Zone.